

Chapter 6 Implementation

The purpose of this chapter is to generally define near and long-term priorities for plan implementation for the cooperating agencies. The array of tasks does not include monitoring tasks which are addressed in Chapter 5. Only the Preferred/Large DWMA Alternative is reflected in this exercise. These priorities and time frames are not decisions as in the proposed land use and activity decisions, although some tasks carry considerable weight: e.g., terms and conditions, regulation, policy and regulation. There are many reasons for this, two of which are that 1) agencies cannot make land/activity decisions which carry fiscal commitments beyond the current budget year, and 2) priorities are subject to change. However, implementation does generally reflect commitments. Proposals that are designations or are implemented through permit consideration processes are automatic and not included here. Tasks are organized by issue subject.

General

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame (Complete within) - Notes
Amend land use plans	BLM, JTNP	1 year
Create new resources management plan. CDPA requirement	USMC, BLM	1 year.
Change Tortoise Categories, Critical Habitat	BLM, USFWS	1 year
Schedule follow-up activity planning	All	1 year
Hold implementation progress/action meetings	All. Include non-agency cooperators	Annual
Send applicable NECO map decisions, data and models coverages to NECO cooperators	BLM send to county, state, federal agencies, UC Riverside, etc.	1 year

Standards for Rangeland Health (relates to monitoring)

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame - Notes
Define assessment methods	All	BLM has completed
Complete assessments	same	See Monitoring Plan

DWMAs - General

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame - Notes
Incorporate map and decisions into public maps, brochures	All	Data bases - 1 year Interim public info - 2 years Reissue public maps, brochures - develop schedule
Track 1% surface disturbance	BLM, JTNP, USMC	Annually by action
Assess disturbance rehabilitation	BLM, JTNP, USMC	By action
Sign/Fence periphery	BLM, JTNP, USMC	As needed
Notify cooperators of change in military targets	USMC	When proposed
Amend fire management plan	BLM, JTNP, USMC	2 years (initiate 1 st year)
Transportation Access -Construct highway fencing, install bridges, culverts	Cal Trans	20 years for I-10, I-40. When upgrade occurs, Highway 95.
Raven Control	BLM, JTNP, USMC	When monitoring suggests
Retrofit existing large animal guzzlers to protect tortoise	CDFG	5 years
Increase ranger/warden patrol during high public use period	BLM, JTNP, USMC, CDFG	As required
Create public education programs	BLM, JTNP, CDFG, USFWS, USMC (integrate)	5 years
Implement routes of travel designations (see above for public information aspect)	BLM, JTNP, USMC	2 years to complete closures and signing. 4 years to start rehabilitation where needed. Highest priority management areas
Accomplish land tenure adjustment (acquisitions)	BLM, JTNP	Long term - accomplish and track requests and progress

DWMAs - Cattle Leases

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame - Notes
Grazing decision to cancel Chemehuevi allotment	BLM	Begin in 1 year (2 year process by regulation)
Grazing decision to reduce size of Lazy Daisy allotment	BLM	Begin in 1 year (2 year process by regulation)
Develop strategy to resolve cattle-tortoise competition - Lazy Daisy	BLM	1 year
Implement above strategy	BLM	2 years
Voluntary relinquishment - Lazy Daisy allotment	Private party	At request of lessee
Utilization/Competition assessments/adherence to Guidelines/Standards assessment on Lazy Daisy allotment	BLM	Annually
Retrofit cattle guards - Lazy Daisy	BLM	5 years

WHMAs - Bighorn Sheep & Desert Mule Deer

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame - Notes
Grazing decision to cancel Ford Dry Lake and reduce Rice Valley domestic sheep allotments	BLM	1 year (to initiate)
Construct burro exclosures around dedicated waters	CDFG, BLM, USMC	Assess need for this after reach appropriate management levels
Construct new waters for bighorn sheep and deer	CDFG (lead)	Annual proposal and assessment
Augment/reestablish demes	CDFG (lead)	As feasible
Implement routes of travel designations (see above for public information aspect)	BLM, JTNP, USMC	4 years to complete closures and signing. 6 years to start rehabilitation where needed. (Combined with multi-species WHMAs)
Accomplish land tenure adjustment (acquisitions)	BLM, JTNP	Long term - accomplish and track requests and progress

WHMAs - Multi-Species

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame - Notes
Various conservation projects at springs and seeps: remove tamarisk, enhance habitat, bat habitat.	BLM, USMC, JTNP	10 years Develop, prioritize a list. 3 years - Townsend's riparian analysis
Install bat gates	BLM, USMC, JTNP	10 years
Implement routes of travel designations (see above for public information aspect)	BLM, JTNP, USMC	4 years to complete closures and signing. 6 years to start rehabilitation where needed. (Combined with multi-species WHMAs)
Accomplish land tenure adjustment (acquisitions)	BLM, JTNP	Long term - accomplish and track requests and progress

Other Listed Species - Coachella Valley Milkvetch

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame - Notes
Accomplish land tenure adjustment (acquisitions) where occurs on private, SLC lands	BLM	Long term - accomplish and track requests and progress
Develop monitoring plan, send to USFWS	BLM, JTNP	2 years

Burros - Herd Management Areas (HMAs)

Task	Agency/Interest	Time-frame - Notes
Write cooperative agreement for Colorado River agencies. Rewrite HMAPs. Hold annual meetings.	BLM (CA and AZ offices, USFWS national wildlife refuges, Picacho SRA, CDFG, USMC)	1 year to write agreement 4 years to rewrite HMAPs
Establish census	All above (BLM lead)	1 year for initial. Once/2 years until achieve AML. Once/3 years thereafter
Gather excess burros to reach appropriate management level	All above (BLM lead)	Continuously to reduce and then maintain numbers. Various methods: trap, wrangler-helo
Construct burro exclosures around dedicated waters	CDFG, BLM, USMC	Assess need to do after Burros reach appropriate management level